



# MAP-21 Check List

The "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" (MAP-21) was signed into law in July 2012, and it includes changes to the current exemption that farmers have for hauling agricultural commodities to and from market.

Previously, federal law only exempted farmers and farm helpers from the requirement to have a commercial driver's license (CDL) while operating within a 150 air-mile radius of the home farm. MAP-21 broadens this exemption for vehicles registered as a Farm Vehicle (F-tag) by expanding the geographic area in which covered farm vehicles may be operated and parts of the FMCSRs that covered farm vehicles and their operators are exempted from.

## EXEMPTION

A "Covered Farm Vehicle" is a vehicle that:

1. Is operated by a farm owner, or an employee or family member of the farmer.
2. Must carry a special tag issued by the State on the vehicle in order to take advantage of the MAP-21 CDL exemption.
3. In Virginia the vehicle **must be registered as a Farm Vehicle (F-tag)**
4. Transports agricultural commodities, livestock or machinery or supplies to and from a farm or ranch.
5. Is NOT operated for-hire (hauling for others for compensation).
6. Must NOT transport hazardous materials in quantities requiring the display of hazardous material warning placards.

## MAP-21 Distance Allowance

- When 26,000 pounds or less can be operated anywhere in the U.S. under the MAP-21 Exemption.
- When between 26,000-80,000 pounds can be operated anywhere in Virginia. Such vehicles may also be operated across state lines within 150 miles of the farm or ranch.
- Remember: Although the MAP-21 exemption allows for travel into other states, other states may not immediately adopt and implement the exemptions in the same way. Be sure to know the regulations before entering other states.

## MAP-21 FARM EXEMPTION

- No CDL is required
- No alcohol or drug testing required
- No physical examination and Medical Examiner's Certificate needed (Medical Card)
- Hours of service regulations do not apply (Log Book)

## REQUIRED (*Farmers are not exempt from*)

- MAP-21 does not exempt a vehicle from size and weight restrictions. Farm vehicles must abide by posted weight and load limits on roads and bridges.
- Covered Farm Vehicles remain subject to inspection by commercial vehicle enforcement officers and other law enforcement personnel. Vehicles must enter weight and inspection stations when they are open.
- MAP-21 does not exempt Farm Vehicles from registration, fuel tax and vehicle marking requirements.
- U.S. DOT number is required. (*Interstate commerce, out of state*)
- Although operators of a covered farm vehicle are not required to hold a CDL, a Virginia operator is still required to have the applicable Virginia driver's license specific to the vehicle operated. (Proper Class)

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